

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 667  
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of John Douglas Wootten,  
Sr. of Lafayette.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of John Wootten, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wootten was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wootten served with acumen and alacrity as an educator and education sales representative, in which positions he earned the respect of his peers, students, and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, the son of the late W.L. Wootten and Mary Bradley Wootten, John Wootten nobly defended his country as a First Lieutenant in the United States Army Air Corp in World War II; and

WHEREAS, a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason, Mr. Wootten lent his considerable skills and talents to the Lafayette Masonic Lodge #543 F&AM; the Lafayette Chapter 379 Order of Eastern Star; Al Menah Shrine Center, which he served as both a member and an ambassador; the Macon County Library Board; the American Legion; V.F.W. Post 7135; the 390th Bomb Group (H) Veterans Association; and the Macon County Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, John Wootten was an active and devout member of the Lafayette First Baptist Church, which he served faithfully for many years as a deacon; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wootten was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, John Wootten enjoyed the loving companionship of the late Eloise Kislig Painter Wootten and was the proud father of Circuit Judge John D. Wootten, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wootten's survivors include his fiancée, Pamela Deck; sister, Rebecca Cuttrell; nieces, Cherisse Huddleston, Anita Gregory, and Kim White; nephew, Woody Cuttrell; daughter-in-law, Melissa Wootten; step-son and his wife, Jack Barr and Leslie Painter; and two step-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wootten leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of John Douglas Wootten, Sr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Wootten.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.